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SUBJECT: ROK CONCERN OVER GROWING NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE
IN ZAIRE

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1. ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR PARK TOLD POLCOUNS APRIL 15 THAT
IN HIS VIEW GROWING NORTH KOREAN EFFORT IN ZAIRE MAKES
INCREASINGLY UNCERTAIN GOZ ABSTENTION ON KOREAN ITEM IN
NEXT UNGA. ROK EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT 210 NORTH KOREAN
MILITARY ADVISERS HAVE NOW ARRIVED (150 AT KAMINA AND 60
AT MBANZA NGUNGU). IT HAS SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF RECENT
NORTH KOREAN UNDERTAKING TO MAKE INVESTMENTS IN ZAIRE'S
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (FLOUR MILL, PARTY BADGES, PAPER FLOWERS)
AND TO PROVIDE VARIOUS KINDS OF ASSISTANCE. IT TAKES WITH
SEVERAL GRAINS OF SALT RECENT REPORT IN WEEKLY ZAIRIAN
MAGAZINE "HORIZONS 80" THAT NORTH KOREAN INVESTMENTS
HERE WILL REACH "2 BILLION" BY 1980, BUT IT NEVERTHELESS
SEES PYONGYANG MAKING MAJOR EFFORT IN ZAIRE AND FEARS

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CONSEQUENCES.

2. PARK SAID HIS EMBASSY HAS BEGUN TO PAY SOME ATTENTION TO ANGOLA BECAUSE OF RECENT VISIT TO PYONGYANG BY DELEGATION FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. ROK AMBASSADOR LIMB IS CONTEMPLATING VISIT TO UANDA TO GET FIRST HAND IMPRESSIONS OF SITUATION THERE, PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS ANY EMERGIN NORTH KOREAN ROLE. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT WHETHER NORTH KOREANS ARE UP TO SOMETHING IN CABINDA. LAST WEEK FLEC PRESIDENT RANQUE FRANQUE APPEARED AT ROK EMBASSY APPARENTLY BELIEVING IT TO BE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY. AT INVITATION OF AMBASSADOR LIMB HE LINGERED TO TALK, AND THEN FOLLOWED UP VISIT WITH LETTER IN WHICH HE ASKED ROK FOR MONEY AND ARMS FOR HIS CABINDAN LIBERATION GROUP. LETTER HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO SEOUL FOR CONSIDERATION. POLCOUNS COMMENTED THAT FLEC VISITS TO THIS EMBASSY HAD TAPERED OFF WITHOUT REACHING POINT WHERE FLEC MADE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR AID. ALSO REMINDED PARK THAT MAJOR ANGOLA LIBERATION MOVEMENTS DID NOT LOOK WITH FAVOR ON FLEC.

3. PARK CONFIRMED THAT ROK VICE FONMIN LHO (REFTEL) WILL ARRIVE HERE APRIL 17, BUT HE DID NOT APPEAR AWARE OF ROK DECISION TO SEEK NAC STATUS EQUIVALENT TO NORTH KOREA. HE MENTIONED RUEFULLY THAT CONTINUED ABSENCE OF MOBUTU AND HIS FONMIN FROM KINSHASA (SINCE APRIL 3) HAS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE SO FAR TO PIN DOWN FIRM OFFICIAL SCHEDULE FOR LHO'S VISIT.
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